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Mr. Jeff Ottesen, Chief Statewide Planning Division of Statewide Planning Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities 3132 Channel Drive, Room 200 Juneau, Alaska 99801-7898

Dear Mr. Ottesen:

We appreciate your department's decision to revisit the twenty-year transportation plan for Southwest Alaska. The Lower Alaska Peninsula Transportation Commission along with the Ivanof Bay Village Council and Bayview, Inc., (Ivanof Bay village corporation) are seeking to connect Ivanof Bay and Perryville to the large existing airfield at Stepovak Bay-approximately a distance of 10 miles. The field is five thousand feet long and two hundred feet wide.

Bayview, Inc., owns all the land in the vicinity of both the community of Ivanof Bay and the Stepovak airfield (including the field itself). It is our understanding that the village corporation is willing to give the State of Alaska title to the airfield and a road right-of-way across its lands from the village to the Stepovak field. Since all the communities in the general area will benefit by integrating the existing Stepovak field into an intermodal transportation system on the lower Alaska Peninsula, the Bristol Bay Native Corporation would like to see a road from Ivanof Bay to the Stepovak airfield analyzed in the state's long-range, twenty-year transportation plan for Southwest Alaska.

Sincerely.

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cc: Joe Kalmakoff Roy Matsuno